

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1 - 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1, which further comprises~~ A method for providing a radio with prerecorded messages for programmed playback, comprising the steps of:

programming a storage and playback circuitry with a prerecorded message and message particulars, said circuitry including a microcontroller and an audio integrated circuit;

connecting said storage and playback circuitry between a demodulator and an audio amplifier of a radio to automatically initiate periodic replacement of received radio signals with the prerecorded message;

inputting a signal from the demodulator to the audio integrated circuit; and

interleaving at least one of the prerecorded messages into the

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signal from the demodulator of a received radio broadcast.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of claim 9,  
\_\_\_\_\_ wherein the at least one of the prerecorded messages plays  
with the received broadcast.

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Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of claim 9,  
wherein the at least one of the prerecorded messages plays  
instead of the received broadcast.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 3,~~  
~~wherein said timer comprises~~ An apparatus adapted to be  
connected to a radio, comprising:

a storage and playback circuit connected between a demodulator  
and an audio amplifier of said radio;

a timer to automatically initiate periodic playback of at  
least one prerecorded message by said storage playback  
circuit; and

a microcontroller running a host program to automatically  
detect broadcasting of a regular commercial message and to

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periodically initiate substitution of the regular commercial message by said storage and playback circuit of said at least one prerecorded message.

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Claim 14 (previously presented) A method for providing a radio with at least one prerecorded message for automatic programmed playback comprising the steps of:

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receiving a radio broadcast and playing at least a portion of the received radio broadcast;

determining whether an RDS signal is associated with the radio broadcast;

upon determining that an RDS signal is present and detecting a regular programmed commercial in the received radio broadcast, automatically playing the at least one prerecorded message instead; and

otherwise periodically playing the at least one prerecorded message instead of the portion of the received radio broadcast.